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Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization  
Technical Commission Minutes  
July 13, 2018  
Vadnais Heights City Hall, Lakes Room

**Commission Members Present:**

Mark Graham	Vadnais Heights (VH)
Jim Grisim	White Bear Lake (WBL)
Bob Larson	North Oaks (NO)
Paul Duxbury	White Bear Township (WBT)
Gloria Tessier	Gem Lake (GL)

**Commission Members Absent:** Marty Asleson, Lino Lakes

**Others in attendance:** Stephanie McNamara, Brian Corcoran, Tyler Thompson (VLAWMO); Jeremy Erickson, Justine Roe (St. Paul Regional Water Service – SPRWS); Diane Gorder & Kate Winsor (North Oaks); Ann White Eagle (Ramsey Soil & Water Conservation Division); Connie Taillon (City of White Bear Lake)

- I. **Call to Order** Chair Graham called the meeting to order at 7:30am.
- II. **Approval of Agenda**  
Thompson asked to add an item under VI. B. for consideration of Cost Share grant 2018-07 to VI. B. It was moved by Grisim and seconded by Larson to approve the July 13, 2018 agenda as amended. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**  
Thompson stated there were 2 mistakes in the June meeting minutes: Larson was left off as the second for the approval of the financial report, and the language for the motion & approval for the TEC Report to the Board was incorrect. It was moved by Graham and seconded by Larson to approve the June 8, 2018 minutes as amended. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
- IV. **Administration & Operations**  
McNamara mentioned the 2 year update for the WP amendment is coming up and the Board is looking at possibly restructuring a few things in the watershed, as well as the new position that will be posted near the end of the summer. McNamara talked about reviewing and presenting priorities the TEC has as their role in the watershed structure. Grisim asked about how VLAWMO is staffed versus its land area. McNamara answered it's about right on par with the other, larger watersheds, based on staff-to-area ratio.
- V. **Reports**
  - A. **Financial Report for July & authorization for payment of checks.**  
It was moved by Larson and seconded by Graham to approve the June Treasurer's report and payment of checks. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
- VI. **Programs**
  - A. **Education & Outreach**
    1. **Goose Lake stakeholder meeting: July 16**  
A stakeholder meeting will take place next Monday, July 16 to meet with partners in connection with Goose Lake to drive direction in which projects VLAWMO should pursue in pursuit of rehabilitating water quality.

**2. Master Water Stewards session: July 18**

McNamara mentioned that the Board voted in their April meeting to approve funding for 2 master stewards. At a special WAV meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Vadnais Heights City Hall, Deirdre from the Freshwater Society of MN will join to speak to potential applicants about the roles and how to proceed for application. Follow-up interviews will take place after the meeting.

**3. Photo Share: Macroinvertebrate field day, Whitaker signage install**

Photos were shared showing the Macroinvertebrate field day with the VH daycare camp, as well as the new informational sign that was placed at the Whitaker Wetlands project site.

**B. Cost Share Program – LL1 – 2018-6 VH Raingarden & 2018-07 VH Native Planting**

We received a Landscape Level 1 application from Reid & Kelly Plumbo in Vadnais Heights applying for \$2,000.00 in grant funding to hire HabAdapt landscaping to install a raingarden and swale along their side yard going in to their backyard to capture and infiltrate stormwater coming off of their roof that would normally flow into the stormdrain that drains directly to Lambert Creek.

**The LL1 2018-06 grant application for a raingarden in Vadnais Heights, in the amount of \$2,000.00, is being recommended for approval by staff.**

It was moved by Duxbury and seconded by Tessier to approve \$2,000 from the Landscape Level 1 grant program, Budget Item 3.381, for the 2018-06 Vadnais Heights raingarden project. Vote: all aye. Motion passed

As added as an agenda item at the beginning of the meeting, an application was received on 7/12 for this native planting at 4459 McMenemy St, in which Thompson has visited with the applicant and recommends the application for approval as submitted.

**The LL1 2018-07 grant application for a native planting in Vadnais Heights, in the amount of \$1,481.00 is being recommended for approval by staff.**

It was moved by Grisim and seconded by Larson to approve \$1,481.00 from the Landscape Level 1 grant program, Budget Item 3.381, for the 2018-07 Vadnais Heights native planting project. Vote: all aye. Motion passed

**VII. Projects**

**A. 4<sup>th</sup> & Otter Project Update**

The City of White Bear Lake survey crew has surveyed the site and this data has been produced and forwarded to Barr Engineering for their review and to begin engineering design on the Project. McNamara also mentioned the Board moved to go ahead with the acquisition of the 4<sup>th</sup> & Otter parcel.

**B. Lambert Creek Update**

HEI will be delivering the first Draft Engineer's Report on Ditch 14 later this month which will include identification of problem areas, as identified by the H&H modeling, as well as possible options and projects with rough costs to repair these problem areas. Staff would like to have HEI come to a BOD meeting before the final engineer report is due to present to the BOD and get feedback on the report.

**C. Watershed-based funding project Update**

After working with VLAWMO's BWSR reps, it has been determined the best way to approach projects in the Goose Lake subwatershed is to bundle all of the Goose Lake Subwatershed projects under the umbrella of a subwatershed modeling and feasibility study. The previously-identified projects can be designed to 60% with the grant funds, and can select feasible projects to move forward with.

**D. Whitaker Treatment Project**

Wetland is up and running and ready to begin sampling. Planting took place at the end of June, and the E&O site sign will be constructed soon. An open house is scheduled for Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Columbia Park.

**E. Sucker Channel**

The Channel will be getting its sign soon, and the planting took place this last week.

**VIII. WCA**

**IX. Commissioner Reports**

**X. St. Paul Regional Water Service (SPRWS) Report**

Erickson mentioned that the SPRWS will be having its annual tour of the Highland water tower the weekend of July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**XI. Ramsey Conservation District (RCD) Report**

White Eagle reported the situation shouldn't be changing much at the RCD, now the RSWCD.

**XII. Public Comment**

**XIII. Next Meetings**

TEC: August 10; Board: August 22

**XIV. Adjourn**

It was moved by Grisim and seconded by Larson to adjourn at 8:22 am. Vote: All aye. Motion passed.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Tyler Thompson.